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SUBJECT: HEAD OF JESUITS IN CHILE DEFENDS ROGER VEKEMANS

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1. LEADING DAILY "EL MERCURIO" JULY 26 CARRIED LETTER TO EDITOR FROM JUAN OCHAGAVIA, TOP LOCAL JESUIT LEADER DEFENDING PAST ACTIVITIES OF VEKEMANS. LETTER POINTED OUT VEKEMANS HAD RECEIVED FUNDS FROM NUMEROUS NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF COCIAL JUSTINCE AND THE ERADICATION OF MISERY. SAID THAT IN NO CASE HAD THESE FUNDS BEEN TIED TO "SINISTER ANTI-COMMUNIST PLANS" OR CAUSES OTHER THAN THOSE STATED.

2. JESUIT, WHO IS A PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH VEKEMANS, TOLD EMBOFF OF HIS AND HIS COLLEAGUES' CONCERN REGARDING CURRENT REPORTS. SAID THAT IN EARLY 1960S IT WAS THOUGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL REFORM WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COUNTER COMMUNIST THREAT.

3. LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE (REFTEL) MAINLY ON CABLE PAGE.
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